

a loved one. As Christmas Day dawned, Mr. P. J. Kelly, solicitor, and highly respected resident of this town passed quietly away to the Great Beyond. Though he had been in hospital for some weeks, the news of his death came as a shock to all, and tinged the Christmas festivities with a sorrow that only death can bring. The Rev. Father Murphy, of St. Mary of the Angels, Wellington (cousin of Mr. Kelly's), officiated at the interment. To Mrs. Kelly and her son, Tom, sincerest sympathy is offered.—R.I.P.

Mr. H. E. (Mick) King, an Australian, but for the last few years a resident of this town, passed away suddenly on December 23. He was not very well known here in Catholic circles, but during our recent bazaar his generosity seemed unbounded. He was a great sporting enthusiast, and as a man, seemed to have no enemies. Our sympathy goes to his mother across the Tasman.

On the result of the 1924 examinations at our local school, our congratulations are due to the Sisters of St. Joseph, the following being the names of those pupils gaining proficiency certificates:—William Campbell, Alex Fidler, Cecil Warn, Emma Fraser, Kathleen Warn, Mary Marston, and Loraine Coulter. Competency: Constance Enwright. Their music pupils were equally successful, those gaining passes being:—Higher Local: Elsie Green. Intermediate: Nellie Green and Eileen Mitchell. Junior: Doris Wells, K. Green, Marjorie Garrett, and Tom Maroney. Theory (Intermediate): Phyllis Baker, Irene Benge, and Marjorie Morphy. Theory (preparatory): Marjorie Garrett and Tom Maroney. Hats off to our Sisters!

On November 26 one of the prettiest wedding ceremonies ever seen in St. Brigid's was solemnised by the Rev. Father Cahill, the contracting parties being Kathleen, third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Owen McElroy, of Feilding, and Noel, eldest son of Mr. Robert Shortall, of Colyton. Miss E. McElroy acted as bridesmaid, with little Peggy McElroy as flower girl. Mr. Wishart Shortall capably carried out the duties of best man. The church, which was crowded with guests, was tastefully decorated, the centre of the decorative scheme being a beautiful "wedding bell" of roses. This was the work of the relations and friends of the bride and bridegroom. The choir rendered appropriate hymns throughout the ceremony, while the happy couple left the church to the strains of Mendelssohn's "Wedding March," the organist being Mrs. Christie. May Mr. and Mrs. Shortall's married life be long and happy.

The children from our local school are showing their interest in the new church in a very practical way. Towards the end of the year the junior pupils promoted small guessing competitions as a way of raising funds, and the senior pupils held a miniature bazaar, ultimately augmenting the church funds to the extent of about £30.

It is now going the rounds that before the year is out, we will be having another bazaar, probably to eventuate somewhere about the time of the opening of the new St. Brigid's, and thereby make a final effort to erase most of the debt that may be owing on the new building. After all, it is a good thing to

"strike while the iron is hot" and catch all and sundry when they are so interested.

On Thursday, January 8, a dear little baby girl came as a New Year gift to Mr. and Mrs. Simson, of Beattie Street. Congratulations to them.

Mr. W. J. Minogue, of the Feilding Post Office, has news of a transfer to Reefton, where he is to take up the position of post master. Mr. and Mrs. Minogue and family leave on the 20th for the South and all wish them success, health, and happiness. They will be much missed from the Feilding congregation, as they were popular members, and most helpful in all church affairs.

The Feilding parishioners have said *au revoir* to Miss Patricia Bell with intense regret. Her popularity was manifested in her election recently as queen of the Sports Carnival. The crowning ceremony was very beautiful. Miss Bell's health has not been so good of late and she has gone to a position in Blenheim, but all hope to see her back soon again in the best of health.

We are pleased to see that Mr. D. C. Cullinane, LL.B., has taken over the legal practice of the late Mr. P. J. Kelly. The business will be conducted under the title of Kelly and Cullinane, and we wish the new firm a prosperous career. Mr. Cullinane belongs to the well-known family of that name at Oringi, Dannevirke, and he has come to Feilding from the firm of Chapman, Skerrett, Tripp, and Blair, Wellington.

Diocese of Auckland

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 22.

Very Rev. Archdeacon Holbrook, of Grey Lynn, has been away on a well-earned rest, recuperating after a heavy year of parochial work. The genial pastor is looking well after his holiday. During his absence the Rev. Father Campbell carried on the duties of the parish.

The Very Rev. Father Walsh, C.S.S.R., who has completed a Retreat for the Sisters of Mercy, Ponsonby, will conduct a Retreat for the clergy of the diocese as from the 26th to the 30th of this month, at the Sacred Heart College, Ponsonby.

The Rev. Fathers Campbell and Gilmartin are conducting Retreats for the Sisters of the Poor, the Sisters of St. Joseph; the Sisters of the Missions, and the Marist Brothers.

The Right Rev. Dr. Liston is giving a course of lectures to the various religious communities of Auckland on Catholic ethics.

The Right Rev. Dr. Cleary has just returned to Auckland after a three weeks' tour of the country parishes. He also paid a visit to the Maori Missions.

Last Tuesday the Rev. Brother Columbanus, who has been visiting the various Marist Houses throughout New Zealand, left for Australia *en route* for South Africa where he will continue his inspection of these institutions.

The intended meeting of the St. Patrick's Day Celebration Committee had to be postponed until February 9. It is then hoped that the schools will be opened. The children play an important part in St. Patrick's Day

programme, and the prevalence of infantile paralysis in this district may lead to the schools being closed for sometime.

The Sacred Heart College, Auckland, has once more demonstrated its excellence as an institution of learning. Six students of the college were presented for the University Scholarship examination, and the six secured bursaries entitling the holders to free tuition in the University of New Zealand. The following are the names of the successful students:—Rupert D. Keenan, H. E. Wallace, A. A. Bailey, D. O. Quinn, and D. G. Renne. Twenty-one students were successful in matriculation; 13 secured full passes; five completed their partial passes; and three obtained partial passes. A junior national scholarship was won by Ronald Parker, and Masters F. Redman and J. O'Farrell. Such a fine educational achievement speaks for itself, and must command the attention of Catholic parents of the Dominion.

It is also pleasing to announce that Doreen Kalaugher, of St. Mary's Convent, was successful in securing a Senior National Scholarship. Margaret W. Cooke, an ex-pupil of St. Mary's Convent, qualified for Intermediate Mus. B. in the subjects English, French, and History of Music.

Diocese of Christchurch

(From our own Correspondent.)

January 24.

Rev. Father Holahan, recently ordained at Thurles College, Ireland, has arrived in Christchurch and will take up duties in the Cathedral parish.

Rev. Father Seward, parish priest of Darfield, is an inmate of Lewisham Hospital suffering from a fractured arm. He is now progressing favorably towards recovery.

Very Rev. Dr. Maurice O'Reilly, C.M., Rector of St. John's College, Sydney, was a guest of his Lordship the Bishop during the week.

Rev. Father Timoney, who has been relieving at Rangiora, is at present at the Cathedral pending the clerical appointments which will take place after the Retreat.

The opening of the schools of the diocese has been deferred by Government notification, owing to the prevalence of infantile paralysis.

All the diocesan clergy of the Canterbury and Westland districts (with the exception of Father Seward) will be present at the Synod at the conclusion of the Retreat.

Miss Mina Ward has gained the Diploma of Fellowship of Trinity College, London, the highest honor the College confers.

In accordance with directions issued by the Health Department, the Sacred Heart Girls' College will remain closed till February 16.

Miss C. Gallagher

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